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**DAYTONA BEACH METHAMPHETAMINE DEALER**  
**CONVICTED AFTER JURY TRIAL**

Orlando, Florida - A jury in U.S. District Court late yesterday found Philip Robert "Yeta" Crimi, age 53, of Daytona Beach, guilty of one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute and distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine and three counts of distribution of methamphetamine. The maximum penalty Crimi faces is life imprisonment and a \$4 million fine. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for June 13, 2006. Crimi was arrested on a complaint on August 11, 2005 and was indicted by a federal grand jury on September 7, 2005.

According to testimony presented at trial, Crimi has been distributing methamphetamine in Volusia County since at least 1995. After Drug Enforcement Administration task force agents used a confidential source to purchase methamphetamine from Crimi, agents were able to obtain a wire tap for 60 days on Crimi's telephone. During that time, agents heard several coded calls discussing methamphetamine sales. Crimi's supplier, partners and buyers testified against him.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Vincent A. Citro and Daniel W. Eckhart.